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Tomahawks, Manchester Battle To A Draw

By Rich Ginel

Key games are always circled on a schedule before the season has even started. Whether they are defending champs, a team who beat you last season, or just simply a tough rival, they are targeted and seemed as a must win. In the final regular season game for the Tomahawks, our girls

traveled to Manchester to square off against the Indians on a wet Wednesday evening. The first game Glastonbury circled was the game on October 30th. Manchester, the third ranked team in the state and CCC East Champs, was looking to prove their ranking to be correct when they took on the Number 1

ranked Tomahawks, the CCC West Champs. Neither team had planned on the outcome.

Two hours after the teams took the field to play, both had left with the scoreboard unchanged. Ninety minutes of play couldn't produce a victor, or even a goal. Number 1 and Num-

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Glastonbury Excels In CAPT

By Rose Forrest

Students upset by the recent decline of SAT scores at GHS can be consoled by the Connecticut Accademic and Performance Test scores. The CAPT was taken last May by the class of '98, during their sophomore year. This year more students passed in all categories except science-which went from 54% in 1995 to 51% in 1996.

Glastonbury also scored well against other Connecticut towns. In our ERG(Economic Reference Group), Glastonbury students scored first in math, second in language arts, third in interdisciplinary assessment, and fifth in science. They also scored fourteenth in language arts in the entire state. These ranks are out of 140 schools.

consisting of 123 districts and 17 technical schools.

A recent memo sent to GHS teachers from English

tion. Lets continue to implement our plan for nxt May's test."

The class of '98 had the luxury of taking a practice CAPT during their freshmen year. Teachers also worked hard to prepare the students for the test.

The classes of '96 and '97 also took the CAPT, but the test was

revised after the class of '97 took it. '97's scores will be the first ones to count.

Unlike the SAT which is standardized across the country, Connecticut is the only state mandating this test. Many states, such as New York have their own unique tests however

	1995	1996
Both Language Arts tests	39%	57%
Response to Literature	40%	58%
Editing	85%	91%
Interdisciplinary	54%	55%
Mathematics	60%	69%
Science	54%	51%

Screamin' Juniors Win Spirit Week

By Meg Palermo

So how much school spirit does Glastonbury High School have? More than you think. Spirit Week, as always, portrayed how far we will actually go to demonstrate the spirit of GHS. This year, a majority of the students dressed appropriately according to each theme. This week was from October 15 to the 18th.

The outfits seen in school on Tuesday, seventies day, were outrageously silly. Disco dresses, bellbottoms, and polyester were abundant in each and

every class.

Pajama day, Wednesday, proved to have be a popular day. This day was probably easiest to accommodate, because all that was required was to get out of bed in the morning and drag your sleepy self to the school.

Thursday, eighties day, was a bit harder to fit into. most people showed up with crimped hair, high pony tails, hair dye, spanned, big earrings, leather jackets, and tight, ripped jeans.

Faculty responded to the

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Boys soccer ended season with winning record and starts championships with good prospects. See page 5



Teacher Makes For Best Senator

By Rose Forrest

Mary Ann Handley, the Democratic challenger running against incumbent Paul Munns, although newer to politics, has a lot to offer citizens of Connecticut, especially students. They are fighting over the seat for State Senate-4th district. This area includes Glastonbury, Manchester, Hebron, and Bolton.

33 year old Mr. Munns grew up in Glastonbury. He even went to GHS. He has had a very successful career so far because he is so well known in the area. He has been a politician since he was 21 and now lives in nearby Manchester.

Ms. Handley, 60 years old, is currently the Deputy Mayor of Manchester and has served the Board of Directors for 18 years. She has also been a his-



Manchester Technical College since 1967. She understands the importance of education and has worked hard to prepare for the work force and to become good citizens. She also values good schools, safe streets, high wage quality jobs, and a lid on taxes.

When Munns was in the House he often fought for the people. He was against the income tax and allowing the \$125 million trash to energy plant to be built in Lisbon. He has also changed his views on income tax to be reduced instead of eliminated. He also voted to allow the completion of the trash to energy plant when he sat in the Senate. He also favors eliminating mandates on municipalities that drive up property taxes.

Unfortunately Mr. Munns wants to give tax breaks to big local corporations. That sounds great if it will bring more jobs to Connecticut, but these same companies have already laid off many Connecticut workers. Ms. Handley feels these incentives for corporations should be given when Quality jobs for the people of Connecticut are created.

Spirit Week Continued

week in different ways. Most teachers found the costumes amusing. One teacher remarked, "someone on the Student Council should suggest fifties and sixties day. No one knows what to wear for the seventies and eighties."

Friday was the day of the ever-so-popular pep-rally. Each class dressed in colors according to their year of graduation. Traditionally, the seniors in blue and the juniors in white, sophomores in green, and freshmen in black. Glitter and paint marked the faces of most. I heard Junior KT Pritchard say, "this is my favorite day because it is the only time you can scream as loud as you want in school."

However, the pep-rally isn't loved by everyone. Ms. Betty Davis from the music department made all of her students promise not to strain their

vocal chords. And a great deal of people took the rally as an opportunity to leave school early because of their deep hatred for school spirit and shrieking classmates.

All sports teams uniquely introduced themselves with prepared dances and initiation games for freshmen. The ritual of the wave and chanting "GHS" sparked excitement as well as the discarding of other schools into the garbage.

Results of Spirit Week, as a whole, showed that the class of 1998 won with flying colors. The freshman class, with the greatest amount of students, was easily overpowered by the upperclasses. Isn't that the way it's supposed to work anyway? Well, surely next year's Spirit Week will be concluded with the same participation and enthusiasm.

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Point/Counterpoint

This issues topic: Legality of School Uniforms

Uniforms Offer Solution to Growing Problems in Education

By Meghana Shah and Geoffrey Metz

In Long Beach, California students march across a school courtyard in identical white shirts, black skirts and trousers. But this is no fancy private or parochial academy. Long Beach was the first district in the country to mandate a dress code in its public school system. And many schools have since followed this growing trend, while educators and government officials look on in awe. Schools with uniform requirements boast record-low crime rates, drug abuse and truancy. But this surfacing pattern has also sparked a frenzied controversy: where do the rights of students in public education end?

In February of this year, the United States Department of Education published and distributed more than 16,000 copies of its booklet, "The Manual on School Uniforms" to public schools nationwide. Many conservatives were infuriated, asserting that dress codes seize the individuality so essential to public education. But in fact, it does just the opposite. Since students are often taunted for their socio-economic status based on apparel, school uniforms encourage them to focus less on what they wear to school and more on expressing their uniqueness in other, more productive ways such as writing, sports, and participation in school and community activities.

In addition, students in today's status-oriented society often overemphasize the importance of clothing styles and brands, sometimes even fighting or stealing for a designer jacket or pair of fancy shoes. Gang colors frequently initiate attacks among rivals, as well as innocent students, unknowingly donning an enemy gang's colors. Uniforms obviously eliminate all reasons for this behavior, generating a feeling of equality among students. Consequently, schools with dress codes have fewer fights and violent incidents than public high schools

without uniforms. In Long Beach, assault and battery cases plummeted by 34% and fighting 51% after the dress code policy was implemented.

Finally, statistics clearly show that students who feel a sense of community and equality in their institution perform better. In Long Island Beach, test scores and attendance rates rose, and suspensions dropped 32% after the dress code policy was launched. At Whittier Elementary in California, the uniform policy effected a rapid drop in truancy rates and more control over classroom conduct.

Recently, several other states have adopted the uniform policy, including Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, and Virginia. These states are legally able to equip their schools with a dress code policies as is deemed necessary.

Despite the overwhelming support from the states, President Clinton, and Attorney General Reno, many Republicans fail to recognize the policy as just, arguing passionately for the personal rights stated in the Constitution. Unfortunately, these opponents have not realized that the government "Manual on School Uniforms" cites provisions for personal beliefs, including the wearing of yarmulkes or head scarves, as well as political buttons, listed as "expressive items."

Perhaps the power and necessity of school is best summed up by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in her book It Takes A Village. She writes: "I find it hard to understand why energy is being spent litigating that could be used to raise money for uniforms or to tackle some other school problem. If dress codes or school uniforms can reduce friction caused by brand-name consumerism and gang identification, then schools should use them."

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The Right Point of View

By Traci Lawson

There has been much talk in the news recently about school uniform requirements in public schools. Long Beach, California has been experimenting with them for two years now, along with other cities such as Seattle, Miami, Washington, D.C., and more locally, East Hartford.

The uniforms, once seen only at private and parochial schools, have been celebrated for bringing lower crime rates to the school systems as well as the communities that surround them. However, much of the praise public school uniforms have been receiving isn't really deserved.

People are relying on "new" public school uniforms to solve all of their problems. If parochial and private school students are doing so much better on standardized tests than public school students, it must be because they are wearing uniforms, right?

That's highly unlikely. As both The New York Times and The Christian Science Monitor have pointed out recently, parochial and private schools succeed on more than just uniforms. Most of these schools offer students a closely-knit environment, caring relationships among students and between students and faculty, moral values education, and motivation. Most public school systems just can't offer these advantages, uniforms or not.

Also, parochial and private schools can be selective about the students they admit. Children with poor grades or records of bad behavior usually aren't admitted. Then these schools don't have those students to "pull down their averages" as public schools do, and private schools don't have to worry about special-needs programs.

Uniforms may indeed help some public school systems with unusually high crime rates in some cases. Long Beach Unified School District has documented declining assault and battery, drug and sex offense cases along with increasing attendance rates and test scores. How-

ever, the uniforms have only been tried at elementary and middle school levels. Results could be entirely different with older, high school students.

Long Beach's experience with uniforms at the elementary and middle school levels hasn't been flawless, either. Children who cannot afford to buy the uniforms are being penalized academically by teachers, who do not treat them equally with the rest of the class; and also with disciplinary action such as detentions. Some school districts have not made funds available for poor children to purchase uniforms, and the fact that they don't have a uniform makes them feel out of place and more likely to cut or drop out of school.

Uniforms are not likely to be beneficial at the high school level. Many high school students in public school systems across the country already feel "institutionalized." They don't like being treated like robots having to go through a set schedule

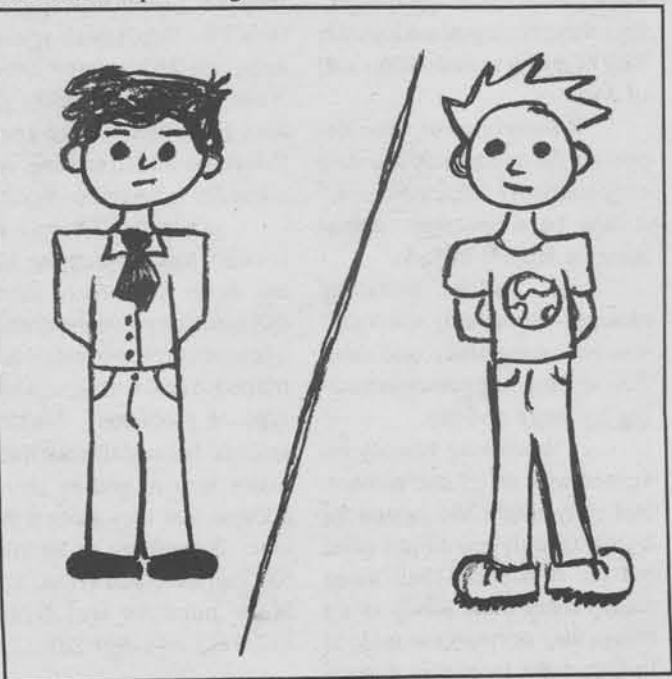
everyday, and so they drop out of school. Uniforms are only going to make matters worse, because they will make going to school even less appealing.

Uniforms would also decrease the amount of diversity in the school because everyone would look the same. Many students feel it is important to express themselves. If they can't do that through their clothing, then perhaps they would have to turn to something else, such as graffiti.

If parents want their children to attend a school with uniforms, they can opt for private and parochial schools. But they should also have the option of public schools where their children are free to wear what they choose to school each day.

Today's children, at all age levels, need more than uniforms to improve their quality of education. They need caring, knowledgeable teachers and higher standards to help them succeed in the future.

Most public schools systems can't offer these advantages, uniforms or not



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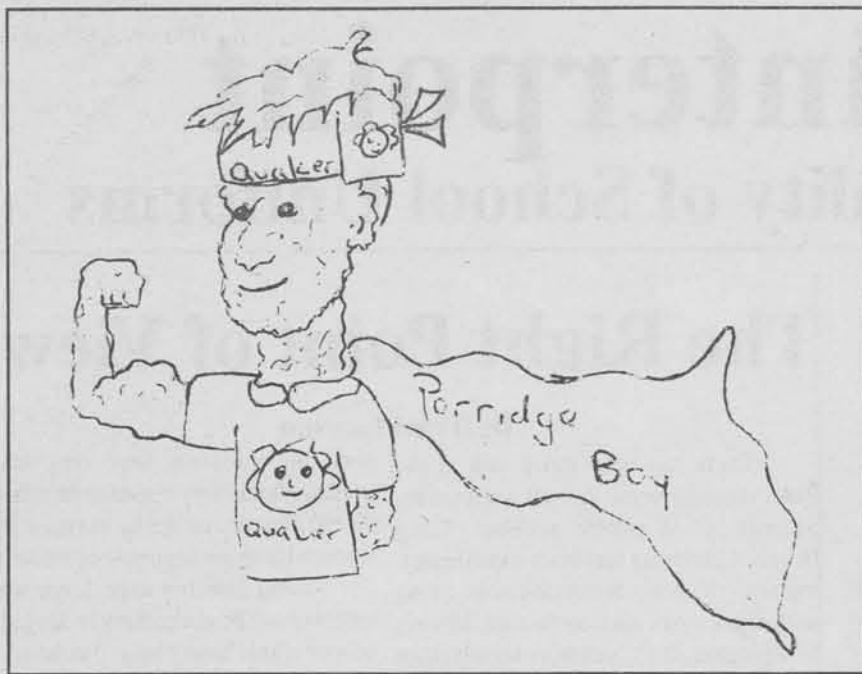
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The Adventures of Porridge Boy

A Young Man's Journey Through Ridiculosa

By Luke Baumstark

And so it was that Wilford, or "Porridge" as he shall alternately be referred to, arrived at the town of Ridiculosa. He slurped into the center of town to become accustomed to his new surroundings. However, much to his dismay, Porridge Boy found that the town's medieval inhabitants shrunk away in horror at his presence. He stood befuddled for a second, before coming to the conclusion that the reaction of the townspeople was a result of his lack of clothing. "Sweet Bacon!" he exclaimed, "I seem to be in need of clothes - but I have no money. It'd be wise of me to seek employment," he said while molding his body to simulate a pair of pants. "This'll have to do for now," he said aloud, as he began his job hunt.

Porridge Boy soon found that finding a job would not be easy for one of his, well, constitution. One merchant had explained to him, "Aah- you see, I'd be happy to hire you, but my benefits plan doesn't account for those composed entirely of breakfast foods. Lunch or dinner, yes, but not breakfast. If you were made out of say, french bread, we'd be in business." Another less polite {and sarcastic} prospective employer had yelled, "Ye freak! Cannae ye read the sign?! It says: anyone composed entirely of oatmeal, porridge, cream of wheat, or any other mushy breakfast foods need not apply."

On his last stop of the day, Wilford wandered into a restaurant in the process of being built. He wandered through of the stares of the workers to find who was to become the manager. The plump, little man's eyes lit up and he rubbed his hands together before wiping them on his leather apron as Porridge Boy approached. The two exchanged pleasantries and quickly Wilford was assured

employment. "Great! What sort of stuff will we be serving here?" Porridge Boy inquired.

"Oh. Uh, mainly breakfast foods," the owner started, trying to sound indifferent. "Y'know, like a joint that opens early and is closed by early afternoon," he finished.

"Gee, well, what do you intend to serve?" Wilford asked.

"Aaah, your usual run-of-the-mill breakfast stuff - pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, toast, and aaaahhh..."

"Porridge?!" the boy of the same name interjected in horror.

Before the man could get a good grip on the slimy youth, Porridge Boy was gone, and the little manager was left with nothing but hands covered with oatmeal. "Pity," he commented licking his fingers, "just the right mix of maple and brown sugar."

Meanwhile, Wilford didn't stop slurring (slurping at high speeds) until he was halfway to the other end of Ridiculosa. He sat himself down on a bench in exhaustion, and buried his face in his hands. Here he sat until he was approached by a tall, rugged looking stranger with a cowboy hat. "Get up and fix you face son," the man said (referring to the malformation of Wilford's face caused by his hands). "Word about your arrival has gotten around, you're no longer safe here. They call me Smelts, and I can help you if you come with me."

Concerned about his run-in with the restaurant manager, Wilford accompanied the tall stranger to the nearest inn, called the Skank House. Along the way, Smelts explained that Ridiculosa was the turf of a group of thugs and their mysterious leader, Headlor. This Headlor apparently had quite a

fancy for oatmeal, and had already put out a price on the head of young Porridge Boy. Wilford and Smelts sat in the corner of the Skank House bar for a few hours exchanging embellished tales before the men in black arrived.

Smelts warned Porridge Boy that these were Handlor's thugs, and Wilford quickly and discreetly crammed himself into the nearest empty bowl and masqueraded as ordinary oatmeal. As Smelts sat calmly at his table, with a cowboy hat tipped over his face, a rather obese and filthy man sat himself down at the table at which Wilford hid. "Oh boy, complimentary grits! I can't wait!" he exclaimed while crumbling oyster cracker all over Porridge Boy. The fat man was interrupted by the yells of the thugs.

"Any of you seen oatmeal kid around here?" the head thug questioned loudly.

The silence seemed to last for an eternity as no one responded, shocked by the question. Already the anxiety was building within Wilford until he could take it no more. His will broken, he extended his torso from the bowl and screamed at the fat man. "What kind of wacko puts oyster crackers on oatmeal?! That's right - oatmeal! Not grits, you nutcase, oatmeal!"

Realizing that Wilford's cover was blown, Smelts created a diversion by leaping to his feet and shouting in the girliest voice he could manage, "Don't touch me! Get you and your drunken little monkeys away from me! And stop spitting at me!" At this he collapsed into fetal position and began sucking his thumb before giving Porridge Boy the signal to escape. By the time all the commotion over Smelts's ridiculous outburst, Wilford was nowhere to be seen.

The Paladin Homecoming Dance Concludes Successful Week

By Kristen Dombroski

The popular Homecoming dance, held on Saturday, October 19th, brought Spirit week to a successful conclusion. It also capped off a Saturday packed full of events like the Apple Festival, PSATs, and the football game. Five hundred students packed into the darkened and decorated cafeteria that made a wonderful setting for a night of dancing and socializing.

The five dollar tickets sold out, once again, after only two days. This year, the Student Council changed the place of sale to the office to make it more fair. Also, on the second day of sale, they opened the office at 6 AM. This proved to be useful, for the dance was sold out before homeroom that day.

Gown and suit dressed students spent the night dancing to popular music. The night's slate of songs included everything from the "the Macarena" to "Ants Marching," which were each heard as an encore. Other

party favorites played were the everlasting "YMCA" and "The Electric Slide".

A boy and girl from each class were each crowned "King" and "Queen". For the class of 1997, the King was Christopher Paragone, and the queen was Jennifer Sforza. For 1998, Micheal Bernhart and Christina Longo recieved the honors. For 1999, Jacob Proctor and Emmy Gustafsonn were crowned. Tom Kimbal and Kerri Thibideau won the titles for the class of 2000.

Most students enjoyed the dance. Some claimed it was the best Homecoming they had gone to, while others expressed disappointment. One displeased student commented, "There are two words to describe Homecoming: 'Macarena' and rap." On the other hand, Senior Rich Ginel contently stated, "I had a great time, but I believe that the music selection could have been better."

Suicide Warning Signals: How to Help A Friend In Need

By Chris Sollinger

If one of your friends screamed for help, wouldn't you come running?

About 80 percent of people that attempt suicide give warning signals. These warnings can be crystal clear, as long as you know the danger signs.

If you have a friend that consistently brings up the subject of suicide, take him seriously, for he may be trying to hint to you what's on his mind. Another common signal is giving away prized possessions. He may be trying to make some sort of will.

If someone has been depressed for a long time and then very suddenly "snaps out of it" it may be a bad sign. Other warning signals include:

... sudden behavior changes - a normally quiet person becoming risky and care-free; an outgoing person becoming inhibited and shy.

... becoming heavily involved with drugs and alcohol. Not only might the person be trying to dull emotional pain, but the substances their using makes them more likely to do things they normally wouldn't. In fact, most teenagers that do

commit suicide have taken some type of drug in the preceding 24 hours.

... acting angry at himself or herself and the world; helpless, hopeless, self-destructive.

... obsession with death. If death is a person's main theme, be concerned.

Teenagers under a lot of traumatic stress will make attempts at suicide, not because they want to die, but because they don't know how to change their life. Don't think you can't help, just tell someone, anyone. Your friend, a teacher, guidance counselor, or even a priest. Priests won't tell anyone, while a teacher is forced to by law.

If you can't betray your friend's trust in securing his or her death wish, force them to call a suicide prevention hot line. There are professionals who are trained to deal with your friend's type of problems. Making a suicidal friend call a hot line is a major step in getting them to address that they have a problem. Something as simple as that can save you friend's life. Some numbers are: 1-(860)-232-2121 or 1-800-203-1234



Two Minute Warning America's Favorite Past time

By Josh Puce

If Baseball is America's pastime, then woe is America. Finally in late October the horrendously long and turbulent season has come to an end. I can remember a time when the good deeds of baseball outweighed the bad. Now that time is gone. From Albert Belle and his forearm of death to Roberto Alomar and his Sylvester the Cat imitation to the interim commissioner for life Bud Selig the game has hit an all time low. Can baseball ever get back to a better time? That answer to that question lies in the hand of the players and the owners of what once used to be the greatest sport in the world.

Baseball fans cannot remember a season where a strike or lockout was not the hot topic of conversation. It has become so regular that ESPN does not even cover the on-going talks between the owners and the players anymore. Fans cannot get into a season because they are all afraid that it will end before their team can get into the playoffs. Attendance is still down around the league and in some towns like Detroit it takes fireworks to draw a crowd of 25,000. Until both sides sit down and completely solve their differences, the fans will not come back.

The possibility of strike is not the only thing keeping the fans away. You cannot turn on your local news or ESPN without seeing the latest bit of stupidity from the players or the few fans that show up at the ball park. Early in the season it was Albert Belle of the Cleveland Indians and his dreaded forearm to the jaw. The play was harsh but brought up an interesting debate on what the runner can do to break up a double play. Belle soon received a suspension for a couple games and the season moved along. Ex-

cept for a few minor incidences and a few bench-clearing brawls the season was pretty calm. Then came John Hirschbeck and Roberto Alomar. In one of the last games of the season, Hirschbeck, the home plate umpire, made a bad third strike on Alomar and an argument ensued. Before long Alomar spat in the face of Hirschbeck and he proceeded to be ejected from the game along with Oriole manager, Dave Johnson. The tape of the incident immediately went to AL president Gene Budig to make a suspension ruling. As a side note the last time there was a notable spitting incident in the league was 1909. Umpire Timothy Hurst spit at the Athletics Eddie Collins and Hurst received a lifetime suspension from the game. No one knew what the penalty for Alomar was going to be. Most people believed that his suspension would last for a good part of the playoffs. Budig reviewed the incident and gave Alomar a five game suspension to start next year. From this ruling the dreaded "Strike" word popped back up in baseball.

The umpire's union went ballistic about the ruling and threatened a strike if Alomar was not immediately suspended. Therefore Budig turned round and suspended Alomar. In turn the player's union objected. Before long the courts were involved and acting commissioner, Bud Selig (owner of the Milwaukee Brewers) said that a summit would convene this winter to discuss the rules of conduct for baseball. A day later, a Philadelphia judge ordered the umpires back to work. Once again baseball fans became disgusted and Roberto Alomar became the most hated player in baseball. Not to worry Roberto, this tag would soon leave you

for a 12 year old boy.

In Game 1 of the American League Championship Series (A.L.C.S.), a twelve year old boy determined the outcome of a game and possibly a series. In the 8th inning of the game, Derek Jeter of the Yankees came to the plate. He proceeded to hit a deep fly ball to right field and Oriole outfielder, Tony Tarasco went back for the ball. At the wall he set up for the catch when a twelve year old boy named Jeff Maier reached over the wall and pulled it to himself in the bleachers. Right field umpire Rich Garcia missed the fan interference and instead of calling it an out, he ruled that Jeter had hit a home run. The blown call resulted in a tie for the Yankees instead of a one run lead for the Orioles. The Orioles went on to lose the game in extra innings and the series to the New York Yankees. In New York, the press hailed Maier as a hero, but throughout the country, fans believed what Maier did was wrong. In a blink of an eye, everyone forgot Alomar and the country focused on a twelve year old boy.

Somewhere in this huge mess some pro athletes were competing for a national title, but who cares about that. Baseball is not a sport anymore it is an ongoing scandal involving the owners, players, commissioners, and the media. America has stopped watching the sport for its grace, agility and beauty and has started to watch for the scandals. For baseball to survive in America everyone involved with the sport has to start showing respect to the game. Baseball great Walt Whitman once said, "The game of ball is glorious," can it ever be glorious again? Only time will tell if America's pastime can become a beloved game again.



Tomahawks Looking To Take Next Step

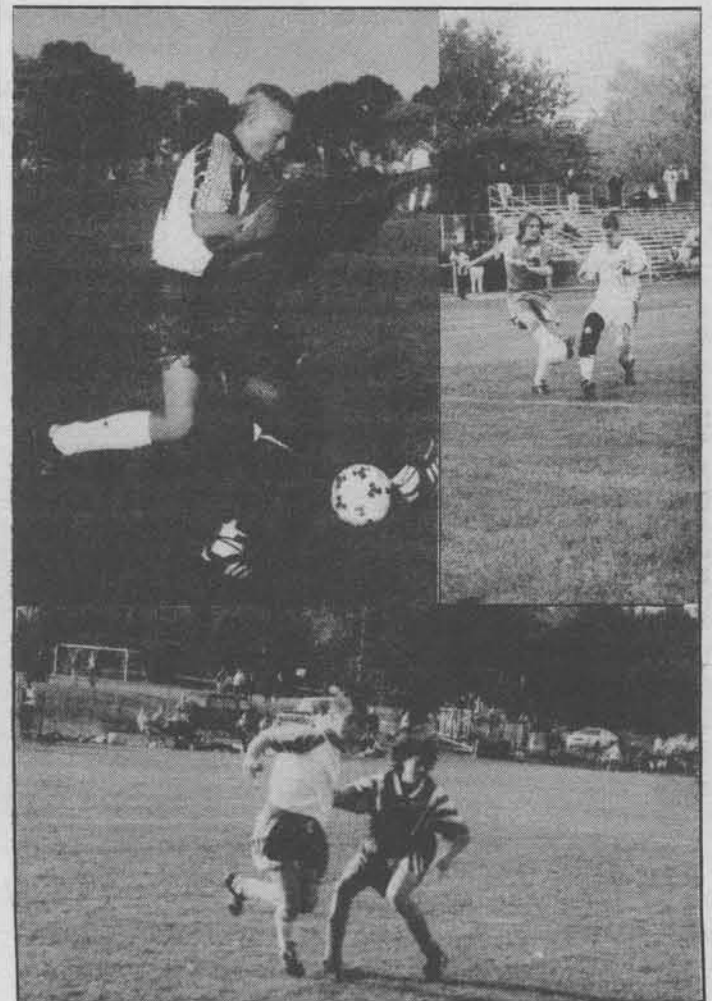
It's state tournament time again for volleyball, and once again Glastonbury is a contender. Being lead by Seniors Maggie Plikitis, Kristina Godek, Erica Washlyshyn and Christine Biscotti the team looks to come out and have a strong tournament. Just considering records, this year's team is a little below the Glastonbury standard with a record of 14-4. Don't be deceived by the record, the team once again won the CCC West division, going undefeated in their division for the fourth straight year. The team is entering the tournament ranked thirteenth out of 24 teams.

The team has had difficulty playing consistently. In the course of one match, they can lose 0-15 and come back to win the next game 15-0. The team has been trying to play consistently all year, but to this point they have been unsuccessful. Biscotti says "We need to communicate better on the floor, and we need to have better passing and serving. If we don't serve well then we never have a

chance to score."

Serving and communication problems have separated Glastonbury from beating some of the top teams in the state like Southington and Maloney. In those matches, the serving percentage was subpar, and the team let a lot of balls drop on the receiving end. When the team solved these problems and played as a group instead of six individuals, they won a high percentage of their games.

The volleyball team has been working hard to improve their serving and communication, and are looking forward to competing in the tournament. The girls' first round match is against the twentieth rank Staples of Westport. The match will be on Nov. 5 in Westport. This will be the first time that these two teams have met this year. The winner of this match will go on to play fourth ranked Stamford. If Glastonbury gets hot serving plays well as a team, they could be the surprise of the tournament.



Boys Soccer Ready For Tournament

By Rich Ginel

Yet another strong season had been put together by Ken Mehler's soccer club. The Tomahawks held on to a number 1 ranking in the state until their second run in with Simsbury. The same week that the girls lost their only game, the boys did the same. Following the loss, Glastonbury got rightback on track by winning six straight to finish with a 14-1-0 record.

To close out the season,

the Tomahawks faced Bloomfield at home and then Wethersfield on the road. Friday's game, or should I say scrimmage against Bloomfield, ended in a 7-0 shutout.

Glastonbury's season theme of shutouts continued against Wethersfield. Seniors Chris Russo, Jim Hankard, and Greg Damato contributed goals to a Glastonbury 3-0 shutout victory.

Like the girls, the boys

were seeded fourth for the Class LL State Tournament. Guilford, E.O. Smith-Storrs, and Staples-Westport were seeded one, two, and three respectively. Glastonbury will open the tournament against Westhill, ranked twenty ninth, on Monday, November 4. The second round match-up will see the winner of Glastonbury and Westhill against either twentieth-ranked thirteenth-ranked Ridgefield on Wednesday November 6 at 2:00.

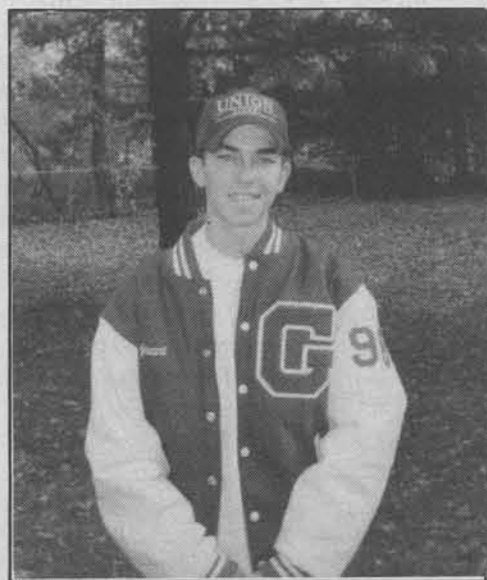
Roving Reporter

This issue's question: What Did You Think of The Homecoming Dance

By Nichole Paulding



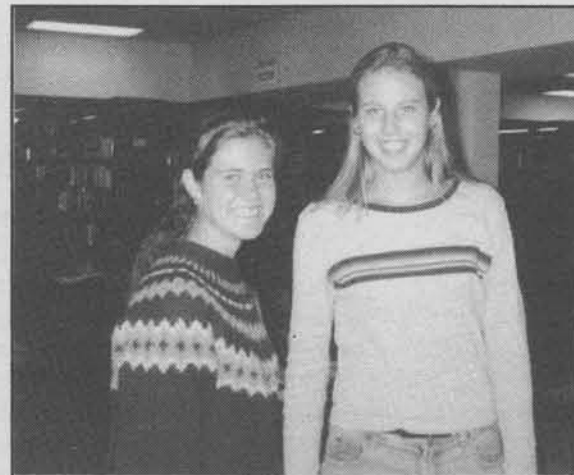
"I thought it was fun"
-Karla Velez '00
"I disliked the music"
-Briana Mcgrath '00



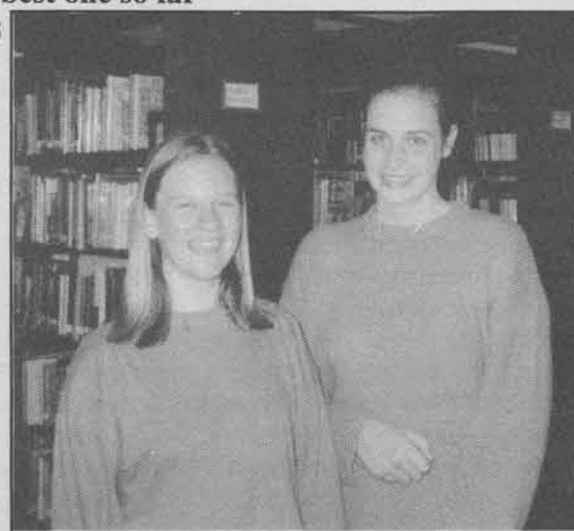
"I didn't like the fact that they played the 'Macarena' twice"
-Grant Fromer '98



"It was great to see all the school spirit"
-Maggie Beach '99
"I thought the music choice was really poor, and maybe if they didn't repeat songs or actually played more requests, it would've been better"
-Elena Mamlok '99



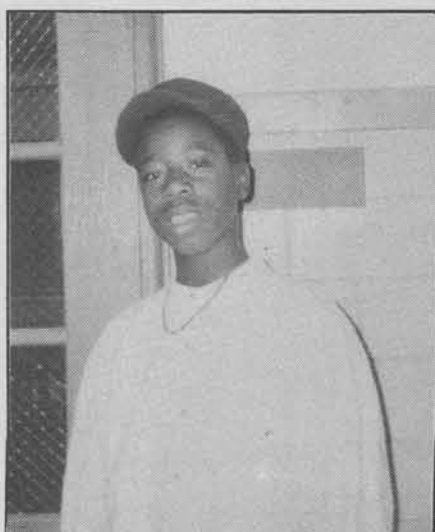
"It brought everyone together to have a lot of laughs and a good time"
-Kim Thibideau '98
"I thought it was the best one so far"
-Meredith Barnes '98



"We liked doing the train, but they should've played better music"
-Margi Bowen '00 and Suzanne Igo '00



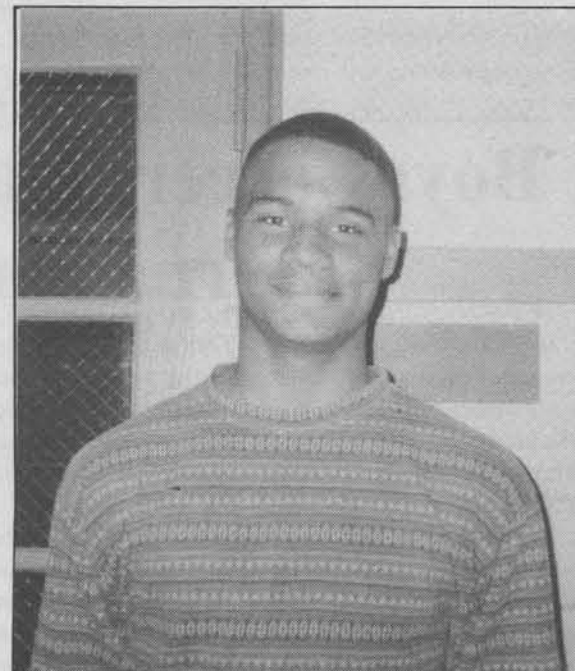
"I liked that we were able to make requests and that they played Dave Matthews Band"
-Jess Kimball '00



"I disliked when they repeated music and they should play more slow songs"
-Jarret Bowens '00



"It was good but I've been to better"
-Tami Davis '97



"I liked the music"
-Jason Bush '00

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The Grape Vine

Dear Grapevine:

My boyfriend gives me gifts all the time. He celebrates our anniversary every month, and every time I receive a more expensive gift. I can't keep up with the financial aspect of this relationship. I love him and I want to show him that I appreciate his thoughtful and expensive gifts, but I feel bad when he does this because I don't have the money to buy him gifts of equal value. Whenever I mention this to my friends, they tell me I should stop complaining about nothing and be grateful. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Broke

Dear Broke:

Your friends are wrong to tell you to ignore the situation. If you feel uncomfortable about it, gently let him know. Tell him that you are very flattered by all of the gifts and attention and he obviously has good intentions, but he just doesn't understand that you aren't able to treat him as well as he treats you. The best way to get the message across without confusing him is to come right out and say it. Make sure that he knows you'd rather have him spend his love than his money.

Dear Grapevine:

I just transferred here from another school. I am so surprised at how nicely everyone dresses. I want to fit in and look just as nice, but my family can't afford to buy me a lot of clothes. How can I keep up?

Please help,
New Kid

Dear New Kid:

Focus more on meeting new people than matching their wardrobes. They'll care more about your personality than your clothes. If you still feel that you need nice clothes to fit in, there are ways to get around spending so much. For example, you may want to check out some discount stores in the area, like T.J. Maxx or Marshalls. Also, mix and match the clothes that you have so it doesn't seem like you are repeating entire outfits as quickly.

Thank you for all of your letters! We can't respond to all of them because of limited space, but we really appreciate every submission. Write your letters to the Grapevine and drop them off in the box office. I am not a licensed therapist, so if you have any serious problems or questions please seek the help of a guidance counselor or a peer educator. Thank you.



Horoscopes

By Cybil Dessel

Scorpio: Oct.23-Nov.21- You will take a leadership role this month. You're also going to learn a shocking secret, but you will not tell a soul.

Your Lucky Days Are: 1, 18, 23

Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec.21- What starts off as an unpleasant development will turn into something appealing, so don't get upset prematurely. Make sure you don't let an ugly rumor get between you and a close friend.

Your Lucky Days Are: 3, 11, 21

Capricorn: Dec.22-Jan.19- You will get almost everything you heart desires this month. You will also stand out in school or in a sport.

Your Lucky Days Are: 9, 15, 19

Aquarius: Jan.20-Feb.18- You may be a little bit cranky during the beginning of this month, but you will be doing great in school. By the end of this month, you will be back to your sweet self again.

Your Lucky Days Are: 7, 16, 28

Pisces: Feb.19-Mar.20- This month you will be the most responsible of all you friends. Your fast thinking will get you out of a lot of jams.

Your Lucky Days Are: 2, 22, 30

Aries: Mar.21-Apr.19- You will have a lot on your mind this month, so you may spend a little more time by yourself. A few jokes may be said at your expense, but nothing serious.

Your Lucky Days Are: 4, 15, 29

Taurus: Apr.20-May20- A creative side of you, which you never knew you had, will come out. You will do something spectacular in one of the arts.

Your Lucky Days Are: 6, 16, 24

Gemini: May21-June20- You will be a great friend and help someone with a problem. Towards the end of the month you may get a bit bored, but trying something new will help make your life more exciting.

Your Lucky Days Are: 5, 10, 21

Cancer: June21-Jul.22- Everyone will be asking you for advice and you will know exactly what to say. You will start to become appreciated, and people will be happy to do you a favor.

Your Lucky Days Are: 5, 10, 21

Leo: Jul.23-Aug.22- You will catch a little cold, but it will be gone in a few days. Your curiosity will rise and you may become a bit nosy.

Your Lucky Days Are: 7, 13, 30

Virgo: Aug.23-Sep.22- You will feel a little overwhelmed with work this month. Things will get better with a big surprise.

Your Lucky Days Are: 6, 16, 23

Libra: Sep.23-Oct.22- A friend will do something that upsets you, but don't hide your feelings. Confront the friend and tell them how you feel. Soon everything will be back to normal.

Your Lucky Days Are: 8, 17, 29

Girls Soccer Cont

ber 3 played to a 0-0 tie before a slightly rowdy crowd, to say the least.

"I think we played a good game, but we couldn't finish off any opportunities," commented Senior Captain Erin O'Grady. "It was unfortunate that we only got a tie, but we played well." Of the two teams, Glastonbury had more chances to win than Manchester, but goal keeper Karen Stolp (12 saves) played a superb game for the Indians. The best scoring chance in the game came with eight minutes and fifteen seconds remaining in the first half. Junior Meghan Rossio had a free kick carom off the crossbar and shoot away from the onrushing Glastonbury forwards. It would be unfair to Stolp to say that it would have

gone in if it was a few inches lower, who covered the play perfectly.

After a dominating first half by the Tomahawks, who kept a majority of the play in the Manchester zone. The Indians rallied in the second half to put the pressure on the Tomahawks. Manchester had their best chance with three minutes left in regulation time. Glastonbury goalkeeper, Junior Liz Middleton made a key save on a cornerkick while catching an elbow to the eye. Middleton was unable to finish, and was replaced by Junior Catherine Thompson who finished the game for Glastonbury. Both combined for four saves. Junior Meredith Barnes was forced to sit out the game due to an appendectomy

two days prior to the game, but should be ready to play if Glastonbury advances to the later stages of the tournament.

Glastonbury, 13-1-2, was granted a first round bye as the 4th seed in the State Tournament, which began Saturday, November 2. On Tuesday, November 5, they will face the winner of 20th ranked Greenwich and 11th ranked Guilford match. The top seeds are: Newington-ranked 1st, Simsbury-ranked 2nd, Manchester-ranked 3rd, South Windsor-ranked 5th, and Ridgefield-ranked 6th. If the Tomahawks keep up this stellar play, then it is possible that the finals could be a rematch versus Manchester.



Weezer Is Back

Terri Nguyen

Weezer is back. If the name doesn't ring a bell, then the huge success of the irresistibly catchy tunes of "The Sweater Song" and "Buddy Holly" that have been cluttering the airwaves since the summer of '94 should refresh your memory. Two million copies of their debut album were sold, and they haven't been heard since. Two years later, September 24, 1996, marked the debut of their ambitious second album, Pinkerton.

The band, especially lead vocalist Rivers Cuomo, has given the band a new sound. If you've already heard their first album, after putting this CD in your stereo, the first thing you might notice is that the guitars have changed. This time, they play to even wilder beats and are definitely louder. This means an end to the laid back and lonely tunes heard in past songs like "Say It Ain't So." To compliment their songs, vocalists Rivers Cuomo, Matt Sharp, and Brian Belle weren't afraid to liven up their songs by delivering more of their patented whoops and hollers that make "El Scorcho" stand out from the rest of the alternative crowd. In addition, the guitars have been given a more exotic flare. Those who have been keeping up with the band members after the temporary breakup of Weezer would know that bassist and vocalist Matt Sharp set up a retro band called the Rentals. Although the Rentals have broken up, their influence on Weezer is apparent in their use of the moog.

Those who haven't heard any of their songs may be wondering what makes Weezer unique in the alternative crowd. Weezer has always rested on catchy yet somewhat bizarre lyrics, but what makes them stand out is an element of humor not yet seen in other bands. All this is accompanied by guitars strummed loudly to a chaotic, reckless beat that gives their music an exclusive feature.

"El Scorcho" is definitely the song that will create the momentum that will keep this album in short supply. Rivers sings of a girl that he should be with, but is too timid to confront. The song can only be described as extremely good. The lyrics are ludicrous, especially when he describes his bashfulness with the girl he loves, "I wish I could get my head out of the sand because I think we'd make a good team / and you would keep my fingernails clean." Weezer takes the popular subject of heartache and twists its meaning through his style of wording, singing, and guitar, so it is all a joke to mock the singers own insecurity. This single has been given some favorable feedback from WMRQ in Hartford after the first weeks of it's debut.

Backing up this hot title, Rivers has a whole slew of other songs in Pinkerton. Not unlike most great alternative hits, practically all of his songs are bent on griping about his troubled love life. Rivers sings in "No

Other One", "My girls a liar/ but I stand beside her/she's all I got and I don't want to be alone." The vocals are loud and melancholy which gives the album a more serious edge to it.

"Across the Sea" is a song that reveals River's sensitivity. He ponders on a particular fan letter in this song and writes a song for the writer. He addresses her by saying, "You are an 18 year old girl who lives in a small city in Japan." The bittersweet melodies of the song kicks in as he asks, "Why are you so far away from me / I need help and you are way across the sea"

The album's grand finale includes a track that deviates itself from the blaring guitars in the other songs. The soft and somber acoustic confession of his guilt in "Butterfly" tells of his childhood sin of suffocating his beloved butterfly. He sings, "When I woke up today and looked in on my favorite pet/ she had withered all away/I'm sorry for what I did."

Anyone who is to get this album should be prepared for a wild journey into Rivers' muddled head. The execution of this album is every bit as brilliant as the first. So, if music with any intelligence means nothing to you, and you're seeking an accumulation of songs to blow out your stereo speakers without blowing out your nerves, you need not look any farther.

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Field Hockey Exceeding

By Jen Belzer

The 1996 GHS field hockey team was not expected to have a successful year. With a new coach and a roster full of underclassman, the 1996 season looked to be a rebuilding year. The players not only defied the outlook of others, they surprised themselves as well. "We went beyond everyone's expectations," said Senior tri-captain Jessica Bartlett.

Along with Bartlett, Stephanie Rondinone, and tri-captains Leigh Miselis and Katie O'Neill are the team's only seniors. Miselis, a contender for all-state honors this season, leads the team with ten goals in twelve games played. Miselis, O'Neill, and Juniors Dewey Dickson and Dawn Ulmar combine to form a talented and powerful front line for the Tomahawks. Dickson and Ulmar have each chipped in three goals over the course of the season.

The midfield is composed of the two most talented junior midfielders in the conference, and possibly the state. Juniors Mary Leon and Katie Leonberger, both returning Varsity starters from last year, continue to impress with their exceptional stick work and long drives. Both the team's offense and defense would not have attained this high level of play without the impressive work of Leon and Leonberger and also sophomore Karen Stronawski.

Leading the Tomahawks defense this year is Junior Mary

Ellen Sullivan. Sullivan the only returning defensive starter, has also chipped in on the offensive side with a goal. Joining Sullivan in the backfield are Juniors Meghan Schwartz and Jen Espirito-Santos.

The season got off to a rocky start for first year coach, Susan Boucher. Glastonbury's first game was against Farmington, the defending state champions, ranked first in the pre-season polls. Just recently the team got on a winning streak to turn their season around. The team defeated arch-rival Newington, then easily put away Windsor for a record of 5-6-2.

All the players have contributed the victories, but the sophomore members have to be commended for their impressive work. Except for Stronawski, all of the sophomores are first year Varsity team members. With this promising young talent, the future looks bright for the Tomahawks. Coach Boucher and the team members turned this team around from its past failures and have turned it into a winning team. This team, who this year has already surpassed the number of goals scored in the '94 and '95 seasons combined, looks to play the role of the spoilers in the state tournament. Glastonbury is ranked thirteenth in the tournament and hopes to continue surprising teams with their fine play.

